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# Storm Dennis brings risk of floods this weekend

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## Storm Dennis will bring very heavy rain and strong winds to the UK this weekend, with a risk of flooding and travel disruption in some areas.

The Met Office has issued multiple National Severe Weather Warnings for wind and rain from Saturday through to Monday, including several amber rain warnings for parts of England and Wales.

Met Office Chief Meteorologist, Steve Willington, said: *"Storm Dennis will bring another very unsettled spell of weather this weekend with a risk of flooding, particularly in parts of England and Wales and also southern Scotland, where snowmelt will add to the flood risk.*

*"Following Storm Ciara last weekend and further spells of rain this week, the ground is already saturated in places. With Storm Dennis bringing further heavy and persistent rain over the weekend, there is a risk of significant impacts from flooding, including damage to property and a danger to life from fast flowing floodwater.*

*"Our advice is to keep an eye on the latest weather forecast and weather warnings for your area and to follow the safety advice from officials."*

**Caroline Douglass, Flood Duty Manager at the Environment Agency, said:**

"We are advising people to sign up for flood warnings by phone, text or email and to access the latest safety advice on gov.uk by searching 'sign up for flood warnings'. Remember to never drive or walk through flood water, just 30cm of flowing water is enough to move your car – it's not worth the risk."

In addition to rain warnings, the Met Office have issued several wind warnings over the weekend. Deputy Chief Meteorologist at the Met Office, Laura Ellam, said: *"It'll be windy across the UK this weekend – on Saturday the strongest winds will be across England and Wales, and on Sunday the strongest winds will be across Northern Ireland, Scotland, and parts of northern England and north Wales, with coastal gales of 70mph at times. Monday will be another windy day, but the heavy rain will be replaced by blustery, wintry showers."*

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